

FS Resolutions - Format/process, Faculty Senate meeting 2/11/2025

There are four resolutions for faculty senate consideration at the February 11, 2025 meeting. To facilitate and expedite this FS business, please see the process and plan for the resolution discussions and vote.

Resolutions will be considered one at a time. The chair will announce the resolution under discussion and show the resolution on screen.

- The resolution, the status of the resolution (endorsed/not endorsed/neutral) and comments from FSEC and the diversity committee will be shared.
- Chair states the motion, the senate floor will open for discussion of the resolution.
 - To expedite discussion, after the chair recognizes a member, the member's comments/questions should be *limited to one minute*. If an amendment is offered, see process for amendments below.
 - Per Robert's Rules, the chair must allow the floor to *alternate between opposing views* (we may ask senators to line up on different sides of the microphone to facilitate this process).
 - Preference will be given to senators who have not already spoken on the current motion.
 - The chair will call for a close to the discussion and confirm that the senate is ready to vote.
 - *Senators will vote by paper ballot provided at their seat*. Please follow the chair's instructions in the meeting. Paper ballots will be collected and counted while the senate proceeds to the next item of business. The vote results will be announced at the next break in business, at the end of the meeting, or following the meeting (for any votes taken late in the meeting time).
- Amendments to a Resolution
 - The chair will introduce amendment(s) to the resolution if any such amendments have been forwarded by the executive committee.
 - If a senator wishes to propose an amendment to the resolution, they may do so. The chair will call for a motion and a second from the senate to *discuss* an amendment from the floor. If these are received, the chair will call for a voice vote of the senate to *discuss* the proposed amendment. If a majority of senators agree to discuss the amendment, it will proceed as below:
 - The chair will state the amendment to the motion (and show on screen);
 - The senate floor will open discussion to the amendment (per discussion rules above);
 - After discussion, the chair will call for a vote on the proposed amendment (note *this is a vote on the amendment only*, not on adoption of the resolution). A voice vote will be called to adopt the amendment to the resolution (Aye/Nay/Abstain). If the outcome of the voice vote is unclear, a hand vote will be held and counted;
 - Note, no comments on the resolution or other amendments, not relevant to the amendment on the floor will be heard until the amendment on the floor is closed.